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Merremia tuberosa

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BRAZILIAN JALAP is a woody twining climbing perennial vine. Native to tropical America it has bright yellow flowers.

It is also known as Hawaiian wood rose, *Jalapo Brazila* (Esperanto), Large Hawaiian wood rose, Large woodrose, *Liane-jaune* (French), *Merremia* (Finnish), Nora bush, *Pilikai* (Hawaiian), Spanish arborvine, Spanish arbour vine, Spanish morning glory, Spanish woodbine, Wood rose, and Yellow morning glory.

The dried flowers become the 'wood rose' (like a wooden flower) of dried floral decorations. *Tuberosa* means 'tuberous'.

Brazilian jalap is cultivated as an ornamental plant not least for its flowers particularly when they are dried for flower arrangements.

Authorities on south-eastern Asia claim that in that region Brazilian jalap's prime virtue is seen in poisonous properties appropriate for insecticides. However in some countries where it has been introduced it is not welcomed. Hawaii is an example as it is viewed here as invasive (as it is in many parts of the United States) and is prohibited.